



# **FACT SHEET**

## **PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION Competitive (PDMc) GRANT PROGRAM FFY 2007**

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The PDM program was authorized by §203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Assistance and Emergency Relief Act (Stafford Act), 42 U.S.C. 5133, as amended by §102 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA), to provide technical and financial assistance to States and local governments, including Indian Tribal governments, to assist in the implementation of pre-disaster hazard mitigation measures that are cost-effective and designed to reduce injuries, loss of life, and damage and destruction of property.

For Federal Fiscal Year 2007 (FFY 2007), FEMA announced that \$100 million will be available on a nationally competitive basis for mitigation plans and projects.

**Mitigation Planning:** Developing a new hazard mitigation plan, upgrading an existing FEMA-approved plan, or conducting a comprehensive review and update of an existing FEMA-approved plan are eligible activities. The result must be a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan within three years of award that meets planning criteria outlined in 44 CFR Part 201 pursuant to §322 of the Stafford Act. Countywide or multi-jurisdictional plans may be submitted for funding; multi-jurisdictional plans must be adopted by all jurisdictions covered by the plan. Mitigation planning activities must focus on natural hazards but also may address hazards caused by non-natural forces. Funding is restricted to a maximum of \$1 million federal share per planning sub-application.

**Mitigation Projects:** Multi-hazard mitigation projects must focus primarily on natural hazards but also may address hazards caused by non-natural forces. Funding is restricted to a maximum of \$3 million Federal share per project sub-application. **Sub-applicants must have an adopted, FEMA-approved DMA2K/§322 plan by the federal application deadline – February 7, 2007 – to be eligible to receive project grant funding.** For the state of Washington's selection process, those sub-applicants with existing approved plans will receive priority over those that have not completed their planning process. The following are some of the eligible mitigation projects (Program Guidance Section 4.1):

- Acquisition or relocation of hazard-prone property for conversion to open space in perpetuity;
- Elevation of existing public or private structures to avoid coastal or riverine flooding;
- Structural and non-structural retrofitting of existing buildings and facilities to meet or exceed applicable building codes relative to hazard mitigation;
- Protective measures for utilities, water and sanitary sewer systems, and / or infrastructure.
- Storm water management projects to reduce or eliminate long-term risk from flood hazards;
- Localized flood control projects, such as certain ring levees and floodwall systems, designed specifically to protect critical facilities and that do not constitute a section of a larger flood control system.

**Minimum Mitigation Project Requirements:** Projects should be technically feasible and meet the following federal and state criteria:

1. Be cost-effective and substantially reduce the risk of future damage, hardship, loss, or suffering resulting from a major disaster, consistent with 44 CFR 206.434(c)(5) and related guidance, and have a Benefit-Cost Analysis that results in a benefit-cost ratio of 1.0 or greater **Mitigation projects with a benefit-cost ratio less than 1.0 cannot be considered for the PDM competitive grant program;**
2. Be in conformance with the current FEMA-approved State hazard mitigation plan;
3. Solve a problem independently or constitute a functional portion of a solution where there is assurance that the project as a whole will be completed, consistent with 44 CFR 206.434(b)(4);
4. Be in conformance with 44 CFR Part 9, Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands, and 44 CFR Part 10, consistent with 44 CFR 206.434(c)(3);
5. Not duplicate benefits available from another source for the same purpose, including assistance that another Federal agency or program has the primary authority to provide (see Program Guidance Section 1.3.4.2, Duplication of Benefits, and Section 1.3.4.3, Duplication of Programs);

6. Be located in a community participating in, and in good standing with, the National Flood Insurance Program; this must be verified by the Department of Ecology.
7. Be located in a community in compliance with the state's Growth Management Act; this must be verified by the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development.
8. Meet the requirements of applicable Federal, State, and local laws.

**Ineligible Mitigation Projects:** Program guidance is on FEMA's web site at <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/pdm/fy2007.shtm>.

Ineligible planning activities (see Program Guidance Section 3.2):

- Flood studies or flood mapping, and other mapping activities that are not part of a risk assessment;
- Risk assessments, technical assistance, studies, or workshops not resulting in a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan;
- Information dissemination activities that exceed 10 percent of the total planning sub-application, or that not tied directly to a PDM planning sub-application; and
- Limited revisions and amendments that do not result in comprehensive hazard mitigation plan update.

Ineligible project activities (see Program Guidance Section 4.2):

- Major flood control / erosion projects such as the construction or repair of dikes, levees, floodwalls, seawalls, groins, jetties, or dams, waterway channelization, and beach nourishment or re-nourishment;
- Localized flood control projects that do not protect a critical facility or constitute a part of a larger project;
- Water quality infrastructure projects;
- Projects that address ecological issues related to land and forest management (*i.e.*, insects, diseases, weather-related damages or infestations);
- Warning and alert notification systems (e.g., NOAA weather radios);
- Phased or partial projects (e.g., engineering designs, feasibility studies, or drainage studies that are not integral to the proposed project);
- Flood studies or flood mapping;
- Dry floodproofing of residential structures;
- Generators and related equipment, such as hook-ups, for critical facilities that are not part of a larger eligible mitigation project sub-application and that is not directly tied to the hazard(s) that threaten the critical facility;
- Demolition / rebuild projects;
- Projects that solely address maintenance or repairs of existing structures, facilities or infrastructure (e.g., dredging, debris removal, and dam repair / rehabilitation);
- Projects that solely address a manmade hazard; and,
- Response and communication equipment.

For this year's PDMc funding cycle, states (applicants) are not limited to the number of applications it submits. Each state will receive at least \$500,000 for eligible sub-applications; remaining eligible sub-applicants will compete nationally for remaining PDM funds. There is a total state cap on federal share of \$15 million. To prioritize sub-applications, the state of Washington will be utilizing a Pre-application process, FEMA's PDMc eGrants application, along with a State EMD supplemental application packet.

In order for the state to process sub-applications, complete the state's application, and meet the FEMA application deadline, **ALL sub-applicant materials must be submitted to the Washington Emergency Management Division (EMD) no later than 5:00 p.m., Thursday, January 18, 2007.**

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